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Almost every night between late July and early August 1954, units from Eberswalde and Bad Freienwalde posts conducted night practices which terminated with a practice attack in the area of the Trampe training grounds. The enemy group was alternately represented by the troops of both posts so that the units of both posts practiced attack and defense. At 0630 on 29 July, a column from Eberswalde left toward Trampe training grounds, where troops from Bad Freienwalde had already taken up defense positions. The column consisted of about 14 T-34/85 tanks  about 30 trucks  with about 30 soldiers and about 12 sidecar motorcycles. The exercise was held in the area north of Gersdorf.

At 0200 on 30 July, troops from Bad Freienwalde again moved to the area north of Gersdorf where they took up defense positions. Three T-34/85 tanks  about 10 trucks  with troops, 8 sidecar motorcycles, 3 personnel carriers and 2 half-track vehicles with twin-barrelled AA machine guns were observed. The noise of combat was heard from this area in the morning hours. The same movements were noticed during the nights of 31 July and 1 August.

T-34/85 tanks  and motor vehicles  The exercises continued on 4 August. During the night of 4 August, troops took up defense positions along the Eberswalde-Trampe road and, about 0630, were attacked from the direction of Dannenberg by soldiers from Bad Freienwalde. The defense force came from the direction of Eberswalde and was equipped with tanks, light field guns and 57-mm AA guns. Then, at about 0700, combat noise rose, reinforcements for the defense force arrived from Eberswalde. They included 30 trucks with about 400 soldiers, armored scout cars  and about 10 sidecar motorcycles.

Comment.  exercises by the 6th Gds Mech Div from the posts mentioned started on 27 July. . The present information indicates that the practices in the area south and southeast of Eberswalde continued up to 4 August.

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